

«f attempting to defend the, city. He yielded to the entreaties of the inhabitants, who represented to him that further resistance must be attended by certain ruin. He accordingly evacuated Hamburg on the 29th of May, taking with him his Hanseatic legions, which had not held out an hour in the islands of the Kibe, and accompanied by the Swedish Doctor Von Hess, whose imprudent advice was the chief cause of all the disasters to which the, unfortunate, city had been exposed.

Davoust was at Haaburg, where he received the deputies from Hamburg with an appearance of moderation ; and by the conditions stipulated at this conference on the 30th of May a strong detachment of Danish troops occupied Hamburg in the name of the Emperor. The French made, their entrance the same evening, and occupied the posts as quietly as if they had been merely changing guard. The inhabitants made not a shadow of resistance. Not a drop of blood was shed ; not a threat nor an insult was interchanged. This is the truth ; but the truth did not suit Napoleon. It, was necessary to get up a pretext of revenge, and accordingly recourse was had to a bulletin, which proclaimed to France\* and Europe that *Hambury had fallen taken by surprise with a loss of now c- /tundrad men*. But for this imaginary resistance, officially announced, how would it have been possible to justify the spoliations and exactions which ensued ? <sup>1</sup>

The Dutch General, Hogendorff, became Governor of Hamburg in lieu of Curra Bt. (Jyr, who had been confined at OBIUV-brack since his precipitate retreat. General Hogendorff had been created one of the Emperor's *aides de camp*, but he was neither a Rapp, a Laurintou, nor a Duroc. The inhabitants were required to pay all the arrears of taxes due to the different public offices during the Buvonty days that the French had been absent ; and Mkwitte all the allowances that would have been paid to the troops of the garrison had they remained in

<sup>1</sup> This appears to have been the first time that the town had held out for four days longer it would have been too short a time by the authority of the authorities. And would never have been the case by the first of the French. Thin, howi'vor, »ilgh.t Jyvtft bean a graat gain to Niipoli»,on» who«uff«r««l much hi lHI.'l iuid 1H14 from the lc««s of the» garrisons in Mu«h p!iM5t'i. Many of the inhabitants now

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